

Documents on Diplomacy: Exercises

"Cover Me" Choices

Select projects to complete from this list. Your project selections **must** total 50 points or more.

1 25 POINTS

Write the story behind this picture related to the Iran Hostage rescue attempt in April 1980.



2 40 POINTS

Create a dust cover for Robert Ode's diary. The full diary is available on at: http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/documents/r_ode/ Use the cover to make predictions about what a person will read in this diary and pictures to make the diary marketable.

3 10 POINTS

After reading his obituary, write a long letter to Ode's wife Rita telling her your feelings about his hostage experience and his dedication to the U.S. Department of State

4 10 POINTS

Using the headlines on the day Reagan was inaugurated and the news of the release of the remaining hostages, research the behind-the-scenes diplomacy related to the release and write a follow-up story for the next day's headlines.



- 5** 10 POINTS Locate the letter that President Carter sent to the Ayatollah Khomeini. Write a letter back to Carter from Khomeini from Iran's perspective, refusing Carter's requests.
<http://www.archives.gov/historical-docs/todays-doc/index.html?dod-date=1106>
- 6** 05 POINTS How were the hostages taken? Why? Include your own diagram of the American Embassy compound.
- 7** 05 POINTS Why was Margaret Thatcher in Washington on December 17, 1979? What was happening in Rhodesia at the time involving the British?
- 8** 15 POINTS Find the documents you have previously used on the Conventions related to the Conventions governing the treatment of prisoners of war. Are there provisions for the treatment of diplomats? Evaluate the conditions described by Ode in light of that international agreements. Did the Iranian students violate these agreements? List and explain the violations.
- 9** 10 POINTS How does UN Resolution No. 461 relate to the Iranian Hostage Crisis? What would Articles 39 and 41 of the UN Charter allow the United Nations to do next? Research the UN Charter or use the documents in your collection from a previous lesson.
- 10** 40 POINTS Create a portfolio of all the major and minor events in this crisis. Include a timeline with pictures for the 444 days and the names of the 66 hostages, as well as the men who died in the rescue attempt. Make sure the cover includes reference to the figurative blanket that Ode kept saying was used to "cover me." Research required.